



## SPORTS NEWS

### Presidents' Athletic Conference

8500 Brooktree Road, Suite 130

Wexford, PA 15090

Phone - (724) 933-4630

Fax - (724) 933-4635

E-Mail: [onderko@pacathletics.org](mailto:onderko@pacathletics.org)

Web: [www.pacathletics.org](http://www.pacathletics.org)

FOR RELEASE: MARCH 1, 2012

### Bethany Bison, Last Year's PAC Title Holder Picked To Repeat In 2012 Softball Season

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Bethany College women's softball team was picked to capture the 2012 championship in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll, as voted on by conference softball head coaches. The Bison finished first in the 2011 season and went on to capture the 2011 PAC title with a 29-16 overall record.

The poll has Bethany's 25<sup>th</sup> year mentor **Jan Forsty** picked to lead the Bison to the number one spot after receiving eight out of 10 first place votes. Last spring, the Bison won 14 consecutive conference games to claim the number one seed for the PAC Tournament and eventually won its first championship since 2008 and clinched the program's sixth trip to NCAA Regional's.

Geneva College, lead by 10 year head coach **Van Zanic**, was picked to finish second in the PAC, receiving one first place vote. The Golden Tornadoes finished with a 27-13 overall record last year and are now eligible for the PAC and NCAA tournaments as their provisional status has concluded. Geneva managed to put together quite a run in 2011 at the NCCAA national tournament, as the GT's finished in fourth place.

Thomas More College was picked to finish third in the PAC, also receiving one first place vote. The Saints finished the 2011 season with a 26-13 record, as the runner-up finish in the PAC regular season and the PAC tournament. **Lindsay Bramhall** enters her fourth season at the helm of the Saint's softball program and has guided the team to at least a share of two PAC regular season titles and two PAC tournament titles, while advancing to the NCAA Division III Championship.

Following the Saints in the poll were Waynesburg finishing fourth, Westminster finishing fifth, Saint Vincent finishing sixth, Thiel finishing seventh, Grove City finishing eighth, Washington & Jefferson finishing ninth, and Chatham finishing in tenth.

#### Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2012 Preseason Softball Poll

2012 Projection	2011 Overall Record	2011 PAC Record
1. Bethany (8)	29-16	14-2
2. Geneva (1)	27-13	N/A
3. Thomas More (1)	26-13	13-2
4. Waynesburg	16-16	8-8
5. Westminster	19-16	11-5
6. Saint Vincent	16-12	6-10
7. Thiel	11-22	7-9
8. Grove City	18-16	7-9
9. Wash. & Jeff.	7-22	2-13
10. Chatham	9-18	3-13

(x) - first place votes